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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: Tue, 27 Jul 93 22:15:42 CDT
From: swrinde!menudo.uh.edu!jpunix!unkaphaed!amanda!robert@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: ARRL and it's members
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

jeg7e@livia.acs.Virginia.EDU (Jon Gefaell) writes:

> I've directed prospective new Amateurs to email Luck Hurder asking for
> the New Hams packet which is supposed to include local testing session
> information, etc... It was never received.
>
> The same fellow persevered and obtained his license, then sent mail again
> requesting the Public Service Manual, again, it never arrived.

I think your first mistake was to write to Luck Hurder in the first

place. In all the times I've tried to reach him, I have been out of luck
(with no pun intended).

--Robert

Date: 28 Jul 1993 07:42 EDT
From: swrinde!cs.utexas.edu!uwm.edu!vixen.cso.uiuc.edu!uchinews!cs.umd.edu!
skates.gsfc.nasa.gov!nssdca.gsfc.nasa.gov!stocker@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: ARRL and it's members
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article <1859@arrl.org>, ehare@arrl.org (Ed Hare - KA1CV) writes...
>In rec.radio.amateur.policy, jeg7e@livia.acs.Virginia.EDU (Jon Gefaell) writes:
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>>In article <1844@arrl.org> ehare@arrl.org (Ed Hare - KA1CV) writes:
>
>>>OTOH, we should be called to task for not taking the time to list
>>>all of our benefits and services.
>
>>This is certainly true.
>
>>I've directed prospective new Amateurs to email Luck Hurder asking for
>>the New Hams packet which is supposed to include local testing session
>>information, etc... It was never received.
>
>>The same fellow persevered and obtained his license, then sent mail again
>>requesting the Public Service Manual, again, it never arrived.
>
>>:(
>
>>I'm sure y'all are busy, but if you offer something, you should follow
>>through. Of course, this fellow may never actually have sent the request,
>>and lied to me, it's hard to tell.
>
>Well, we process lots and lots of membership requests and I know some
>of them do indeed get lost. This is a bad thing, indeed, and one we
>are actively seeking to correct by an ongoing process of evaluating
>the quality and effectiveness of our existing services. We also have
>a committee looking at and recommending new membership services and
>changes to the ones we have.
>
[lots of stuff deleted]

>
>I will pass the suggestion along (again). Thanks.
>

>73 from ARRL HQ, Ed

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>Ed Hare, KA1CV

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"You will never put the puzzle together
if you keep putting all of the pieces
back in the box." Colleen

Just as another perspective. I requested information from the league when I got interested in ham radio again and they sent it to me within 4 days. I also got some advice about the new licensing and testing structure (which I can tell you was a big eye-opener for someone whose interests had been diverted since 1966).

Also, I got recommendations for study guides and ended up ordering Now your talking which made it possible for me to successfully pass my Technician.

Since then I have received other information from the league -- always quickly and as requested. I have also used with varying success the information server at the league.

On a whole, from my perspective, I have to say that I have been satisfied with League support long before I ever became a member. So, I think we should be thankful for the services provided while providing "positive" suggestions for improvements when we see that they are needed.

Erich

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Date: Wed, 28 Jul 93 06:45:06 CDT

From: swrinde!menudo.uh.edu!jpunix!unkaphaed!amanda!robert@network.ucsd.edu

Subject: ARRL and it's members

To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

clifto@indep1.UUCP (Cliff Sharp) writes:

> "I'm from the Government^H^H^H^H^H^H^H^H^HARRL, and I'm here to help you

Hummmmm....I think I'll pass. I don't think I need THAT kind of help,

even from the League. :)

--Robert

Date: 28 Jul 93 13:19:47 GMT
From: psinntp!arrl.org@uunet.uu.net
Subject: ARRL and it's members
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In rec.radio.amateur.policy, jeg7e@livia.acs.Virginia.EDU (Jon Gefaell) writes:

>
>I've directed prospective new Amateurs to email Luck Hurder asking for
>the New Hams packet which is supposed to include local testing session
>information, etc... It was never received.

Well, if these purported prospective amateurs would simply
communicate with me, I would cheerfully fix the problem for
them. Glad to do it.

>The same fellow persevered and obtained his license, then sent mail again
>requesting the Public Service Manual, again, it never arrived.
>

Doesn't this TELL you something? The SAME fellow? TWICE claiming
to not get something? Sheesh!

>. Of course, this fellow may never actually have sent the request,
>and lied to me, it's hard to tell.

That's much more likely...

>
>Email addresses should be noted in QST as well.

Good suggestion; thanks. Already implemented on a monthly basis
in each issue of QST.

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		urder	the FCC's Field Operations Bureau, the ARRL
-----			Field Organization and the ARRL Monitoring System.
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lhurder@arrl.org Prodigy - MGTS39A, BIX - ARRL,
MCI Mail - RPALM, MCI Mail - "ARRL", America On Line - "ARRL HQ"

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Date: 28 Jul 1993 14:48:44 GMT
From: drt@athena.mit.edu
Subject: Call sign snobbery
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

To: a-kevinp@microsoft.COM (Kevin Purcell, Rho)
Subject: Re: Call sign snobbery

In article <9307280120.AA01327@netmail.microsoft.com>, you write:

|>
|> I say:
|>
|> N7WIM = 5 + 3 + 13 + 3 + 9 + 3 + 4 + 3 + 7 = 50 units
|>
|> But, Mr Pelican, I have one of those crummy 1 + 3 calls ... but I don't
|> think I'll change it!
|>
|> Kevin Purcell N7WIM / G8UDP
|> a-kevinp@microsoft.com
|> Sit simplex, stulte!

N7WIM = 5+3 + 13+3 + 9+3 + 3+3 + 9+7 = 58

No word is odd, but no character or space is even. (where'd you get 4??) You have to include the word space at the end. PARIS, the "standard word", is 50. KG2S is 54. (JY1 is 56!) But then, you're in 7-land. Only 1x2s, 2x1s and A-prefixed 2x2s are shorter, on average, than N 1x3s (The AX#XX calls don't use the longer-character second half of the alphabet for one of the characters). N 2x2's are the same, K and W 2x2s (and 1x3s) are, on average, longer, even though higher class. AE5E, NE5E, and N5EE are the shortest cw calls possible - 32. But then, they just have too many stray dits.

The impending disaster? KJ0JJJ - 102.

-drt
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what newspapers are taken at the Rectory.' -C.S. Lewis

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what newspapers are taken at the Rectory.' -C.S. Lewis

Date: 28 Jul 93 10:25:37
From: idacrd.ccr-p.ida.org!idacrd!n4hy@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Damn the torpedoes (was Re: 1947 No Code)
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

Paul:

It's clear it has been a while since you have been on. I sometimes call
CQ for half an hour before getting a response on AO-13, AO-10, and half
an orbit for the LEO birds. I am also certain that CW is not used at
all on the seven microsats ;-).

Bob

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Date: Tue, 27 Jul 93 22:21:22 CDT
From: swrinde!menudo.uh.edu!jpunix!unkaphaed!amanda!robert@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Give a VE \$5.60, walk
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

hayward@cs.uchicago.edu (Kristin Rachael Hayward) writes:

> In article <CANwn8.Dpz@news.Hawaii.Edu>
> jherman@uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu (Jeff Herman) writes:
> :In article <1993Jul24.042735.5428@anomaly.sbs.com>
> kd1hz@anomaly.sbs.com (Rev. Michael P. Deignan) writes: :>
>
> :>Bullshit.
> :^^^^^^^^^^
> :I've never heard a Reverend say that word before..... :

>
> Well, I cannot address what people of the cloth say or should not say;
> however, I have observed that people who feel it necessary to use a
> title such as this in situations where it is not called for are either
> conceited or insecure.
>
> Kristin Rachael Hayward

Not to mention inappropriate in the company of a young woman.

--Robert

Date: Wed, 28 Jul 93 06:37:10 CDT
From: swrinde!menudo.uh.edu!jpunix!unkaphaed!amanda!robert@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Give a VE \$5.60, walk
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

system@garlic.sbs.com (Tony Pelliccio) writes:

> floyd@nraven.wariat.org (Douglas Dever) writes:
>
> > as a final note: I'd like to see the finals on that 80m radio with the
> > tuner and the 11M antenna....
>
> Actually I'd say the finals would be in very good shape. It's been said
> that with a good tuner, you could actually tune a set of bedsprings.
> Matter of fact, people are actually using Slinky antennas, and they tune
> alright.
>
> Tony

I've tuned a CB antenna for 80 meter mobile. It works...but it doesn't
work well. It worked fine on 10-30 meters, though. I guess most
overpasses in Texas aren't too friendly with 66 foot verticals.

--Robert

Date: Tue, 27 Jul 93 22:26:56 CDT
From: swrinde!menudo.uh.edu!jpunix!unkaphaed!amanda!robert@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Lead the Way! (was Re: 1947 No Code survey (was Re: References f
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

dana@lando.la.locus.com (Dana H. Myers) writes:

> >> * This Extra supports the abolition of the 13 and 20 WPM tests *
>
> >I believe that's obvious. Would you support beefed-up written exams,
> >with perhaps the removal of the published question pool?
>
> I would support alternative tests of skill. What this practically means,
> is that an applicant would pass the current written exams, as they stand,
> and also pass one of a selection of skill tests. The skill tests would
> each focus on some skill salient to the radio art, such as CW, circuit
> design, computer programming, etc. Written tests of skill would have to
> be sufficiently large that memorization of the answers is not practical,
> or they would need to use an essay format. Essay format is attractive,
> but would be much more difficult for VEs to consistently grade.

I would support this proposal as well.

--Robert

Date: Wed, 28 Jul 93 02:37:42 CDT
From: swrinde!menudo.uh.edu!jpunix!unkaphaed!amanda!robert@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Real CBers
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

dana@lando.la.locus.com (Dana H. Myers) writes:

> >-. . --- . --. .-. .- - ... --- . -- .-. --. .-. .- -... .
> >-. . .-- ---. ----- -. .
>
> Goodness, all this inefficient CW when it is easier to type what probably
> ought to be a personal message anyway:

As I said before (yawn), CW stands for Continuous Wave, and if it were
used for communications over the air, it would indeed be efficient.
Seems rather infantile to types dots and dashes on a text medium.

--Robert

Date: Wed, 28 Jul 93 02:30:32 CDT
From: swrinde!menudo.uh.edu!jpunix!unkaphaed!amanda!robert@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Real CBers
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

dana@lando.la.locus.com (Dana H. Myers) writes:

> >God! What an .. -... .. --- - !
>
> The brilliant words of Swami, using 15 characters to send what normally
> fits in 5. That's really the efficiency of CW, huh?

Not really. As I said before, CW (which, by the way, stands for Continuous Wave) is an aural mode of communications, and if it were used for the purpose intended, then it would indeed be efficient. Thought you knew all this already, Dana. You ARE an Extra, aren't you?

> Why don't you save the empty flames for alt.radio.amateur.flame, if
> your site carries it?

Right after you, Dana.

--Robert

Date: 28 Jul 1993 07:10:49 -0400
From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!overload.lbl.gov!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!noc.near.net!genrad.com!genrad.com!not-for-mail@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: STILL waiting for your license? Read this and weep!
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article <1993Jul27.162241.6032@linus.mitre.org> eubanks@mitre.org (Vern Eubanks) writes:

>In article <22ojraINNd76@sweetpea.genrad.com> dls@genrad.com (Diana L. Carlson) writes:

>> THANK YOU, ARRL AND W5YI AND ALL THE REST, FOR THE SERVICES YOU PROVIDE.
>

>I would like to see a VE-issued, temporary callsign that allows operation
>at the earned level of achievement, or a subset - say just VHF privileges,
>until the actual ticket arrives. The callsigns could be of a unique
>format, something like "WT9876AB"; where "WT" or "WN" correspond to Tech or
>Novice; "9876" corresponds to a specific VE session & is assigned in
>blocks by the VEC organization. The format provides an expiration code
>derived from the specific VE session - say, the last day of the 3rd month
>following the session. The local examiners retain the particulars on the
>call/name/address/date. Another format is fine if there's a problem with
>this one.

Actually, I think a system similar to this is being considered. In a recent W5YI Report (one of the most useful ham publications I receive, sorry ARRL, I like QST too, but I read W5YI Report as soon as I get it), there was an article about the system that the FCC is looking at. Generally, once the person passed and had a CSCE in his possession, he could actually USE the license immediately. The temporary callsign would be two letters (like KN)

followed by the number for his group (ie, 1 in MA, 9 in IN, etc), followed by his three initials. So, as an example, mine would be something like KN1DLS (or KN1DLC, if you want to get real picky....).

I haven't heard yet if/when this will be implemented, but there were indications that it could happen as soon as the fall time.

Diana L. Carlson

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->Diana L. (Syriac) Carlson dls@genrad.com Ham: KC1SP (Sweet Pea) <-
->I'D RATHER BE FLYING! P-ASEL, INST CAP: CPT, Freedom 690 Mobile<-
->AD ASTRA, PER ASPERA Airplane: None :-(
<-
->GenRad, MS/6, 300 Baker Ave, Concord, Mass. 01742 (508)369-4400 x2459 <-

Date: Wed, 28 Jul 1993 14:19:40 GMT
From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!overload.lbl.gov!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!usc!
news.bbn.com!petra!popovich@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Written CW (Was: Re: Real CBers)
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

>Same here. Another thing I hate is when the radio ad gives you the
>telephone number in letters rather than numbers ("Dial 1-800-GET-LOST").
>Takes much longer to dial that way.

Much longer to dial, but also much easier to remember. I think THAT'S
the reason why ads use this style for telephone numbers. And yes, I
too find that it takes FOREVER to interpret .- style Morse code
characters, because I learned to receive it by ear, not by sight.

-Steve

Date: Wed, 28 Jul 1993 12:54:08 GMT
From: pravda.sdsc.edu!news.cerf.net!usc!howland.reston.ans.net!gatech!ukma!
rsg1.er.usgs.gov!dgg.cr.usgs.gov!bodoh@network.ucsd.edu
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

References <CAsxp1.J2D@mentor.cc.purdue.edu>, <2394@indep1.UUCP>,
<235o3dINNns3@sweetpea.genrad.com>oh
Subject : Re: Damn the torpedoes (was Re: 1947 No Code)

In article <235o3dINNns3@sweetpea.genrad.com>, dls@genrad.com (Diana L. Carlson)
writes:

|>...

|> in some form, for getting a Bachelor's degree in the US. I'm not aware of any
|> Bachelor's degree which doesn't require at least one semester of a foreign
|> language, at least one semester of social sciences, at least one semester of
|> literature, at least one semester of science. WHY WOULD THESE BE REQUIRED
|> IF YOU'LL NEVER USE THEM?
|>
|> Diana

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BTW - My BA in Management didn't require any foreign language, nor did my
wife's BS in Applied Math or her BS in Nursing...

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+ Tom Bodoh - Sr. systems software engineer, Hughes STX, NOY?? (in the mail) +
+ USGS/EROS Data Center, Sioux Falls, SD, USA 57198 (605) 594-6830 +
+ Internet; bodoh@dgg.cr.usgs.gov (152.61.192.66)
+
+ "Welcome back my friends to the show that never ends!" EL&P
+
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Date: Wed, 28 Jul 1993 12:54:30 GMT
From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!overload.lbl.gov!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!
vixen.cso.uiuc.edu!newsrelay.iastate.edu!news.iastate.edu!IASTATE.EDU!
wjturner@network.ucsd.edu
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

References <5c.716.28.0N178922@ppplace.com>, <1993Jul27.175242.157384@locus.com>,
<234nt1\$kh5@apple.com>uc.e
Reply-To : wjturner@IASTATE.EDU (William J Turner)
Subject : Re: Damn the torpedoes (was Re: 1947 No Code)

In article <234nt1\$kh5@apple.com>, north@apple.com (Don North) writes:

> I propose that we abandon all the morse code tests and replace them with
> a comprehensive test of civility, manners, and consideration for others.
>
> Passing this test will do a lot more for amateur radio than CW ever will.

I like it!! However, we couldn't just implement it, though, we'd have to have
all the current hams take it, too. Some wouldn't like it because it would
definitely thin out our ranks.

Sounds perfect!!!!!! :-)

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Will Turner, NORDV -----
wjturner@iastate.edu | "Are you going to have any professionalism, |
twp77@isuvax.iastate.edu | or am I going to have to beat it into you?" |
TURNERW@vaxld.ameslab.gov -----

Date: 28 Jul 1993 07:31:57 -0400
From: swrinde!gatech!howland.reston.ans.net!noc.near.net!genrad.com!genrad.com!
not-for-mail@network.ucsd.edu
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

References <INcB8B7w165w@balsam.pinetree.org>, <CASxp1.J2D@mentor.cc.purdue.edu>,
<2394@indep1.UUCP>om
Subject : Re: Damn the torpedoes (was Re: 1947 No Code)

In article <2394@indep1.UUCP> clifto@indep1.UUCP (Cliff Sharp) writes:
>In article <CASxp1.J2D@mentor.cc.purdue.edu> blumb@sage.cc.purdue.edu (Bill Blum)
writes:
>>What does learning code have to do with building a satellite rig?
>>What does it have to do with setting up an antenna?
>>Not much.
>
> What does:
> *knowing Part 97
> *knowing Ohm's law
> *knowing about RTTY
> *knowing about AMTOR
> *knowing about packet
> *knowing about proper operating procedures
> *knowing about EME
> *etc.
>have to do with building a satellite rig?
>What does it have to do with setting up an antenna?
>Not much.

What does learning a foreign language have to do with life in the US? What
does American history or better yet, European history, have to do with living in
the present (in the US)? What does English literature have to do with coping
with life in the US? What does Chemistry have to do with learning to be an
administrator? Do any of these sound familiar? All of them are requirements,
in some form, for getting a Bachelor's degree in the US. I'm not aware of any
Bachelor's degree which doesn't require at least one semester of a foreign
language, at least one semester of social sciences, at least one semester of
literature, at least one semester of science. WHY WOULD THESE BE REQUIRED
IF YOU'LL NEVER USE THEM?

..... Expanding the horizons of people has a lot to do with going to

Diana

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>+-----+
>|   Cliff Sharp   |           clifto@indep1.chi.il.us   OR   clifto@indep1.uucp   |
>|   WA9PDM       |           Use whichever one works   |
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It is very interesting for me to note that all those people making jokes about government helping them are also the ones that scream when the

government doesn't help them at the level THEY think should be the case. Of course these same people don't think THEY should be the ones to pay (i.e. Taxes) for any support.

I suspect that the majority of people in Florida, Hawaii, Mississippi-Missouri river valley, South Carolina, etc. felt that the government should not be in the "helping" business but that didn't stop them from putting a hand out for help when THEY needed it and complain about the level of help.

The ARRL helps a great deal. It isn't perfect it isn't the Ham equivalent of God. Perhaps Cliff, since from your posts you feel you are close to God if not actually God, you should stand for ARRL office and fix the entire situation.

Erich
N3OXM

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